

## FEMA-DR-4332-TX DONATED RESOURCES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

**Question 1 -** Can the value of services of a volunteer group removing debris from private property to curbside for removal be credited towards an eligible applicant's non-federal share?

**Answer 1** - No. Moving debris from private property is not an eligible activity unless Private Property Debris Removal (PPDR) is approved. Donated resources must be associated with eligible work.

**Question 2** - Can the value of volunteer firefighters' labor and equipment be used as credit towards donated resources for an applicant's non-federal cost share?

**Answer 2** – Yes. The value of volunteer firefighters' labor and equipment can be used as a credit toward donated resources when working within their own jurisdiction, or when working within other jurisdictions under a mutual aid agreement as long as their services are unpaid. The value of the labor and equipment must be claimed by the jurisdiction for whom work is performed.

**Question 3** - Local sheriff and local government are two separate applicants. Prisoners from the Sheriff's jail performed eligible sandbagging work for the local government. The prisoners receive no salary or stipend. Can inmate labor be used as a credit for the local government cost share?

## **Answer** 3 - Yes.

- The value of the prisoners' labor is eligible to be used as donated resources for the Government.
- The value will be based on the hourly rate of the local labor market for common labor or the rate established by the State at the beginning of a disaster and agreed upon by FEMA.

**Question 4 -** Can the hours worked by police reserve officers be credited as donated resources for the city's cost share?

**Answer 4 -** No. The reserve officers are a part of the city's organization and not 3rd party participants

**Question 5 -** Can the meals provided to volunteers removing debris from private property or making emergency repairs to homes be used as a donated resource?

**Answer 5 -** No. The work being performed is ineligible therefore the feeding of those volunteers is ineligible.

**Question 6** - Can volunteer hours under Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO)/philanthropic efforts be utilized by an eligible applicant to offset the non-federal share, regardless of participation in a 403 housing or PREP effort? What are specific examples of activities that are eligible for this disaster?

**Answer 6 -** Yes, provided that the work being performed by the NGO meet all eligibility criteria of the PA program including work on an eligible facility and include eligible work and eligible cost.